

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* Planting Corn/Sorghum/and Fertilizing Pastures

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RELEASED: April 1, 2002 3:00 p.m.- Temperatures were slightly below normal for the week with rain falling during the end of the week according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Recent rains have slowed field preparations and planting activities. 2.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 26 percent adequate and 74 percent surplus.

CROPS: Planting corn and sorghum. Fertilizer is being applied to wheat, hay and pastures. Row crop planting is extremely limited due to excessive rainfall. Commercial tomatoes are being bedded and plastic laid.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers were working cattle. Cattle were in good condition with a few calves being weaned.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM								
Planted	0	2	2					
CORN								
Planted	7	24	14					
WHEAT				4	21	34	34	7
Headed	0	0	2					
OTH. HAY				2	42	37	19	0
PASTURE				2	25	45	22	6

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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

March 31, 2002. Temperatures were slightly below normal for the week, with rainfall late in the week. Several reporting stations recorded the high temperature of 84⁰ and Harrison recorded the low temperature of 26⁰. Precipitation ranged from a high of 4.33 inches at Calico Rock and a low of 0.60 inch at Harrison.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: March 31, 2002

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING MAR 31	CURRENT MAR ACCUM.	MAR NORMAL	JANUARY-FEBRUARY	
							2002	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	75	27	-1	0.89	10.23	3.46	4.67	4.23
Harrison	78	26	-1	0.60	11.85	3.98	4.90	4.75
2 Calico Rock	84	28	0	4.33	19.64	4.31	7.95	5.41
Evening Shade	na	na	na	na	na	4.86	0.00	6.13
Gilbert	na	na	na	na	18.37	3.94	7.82	4.92
Greers Ferry	83	29	-3	2.04	16.40	5.21	7.13	7.00
Mountain Home	80	27	-1	1.42	18.11	4.09	6.68	5.21
3 Batesville	81	29	-3	2.29	15.06	4.80	7.22	6.56
Black Rock	na	na	na	na	na	4.86	0.00	7.56
Georgetown	na	na	na	na	na	5.31	0.00	8.56
Jonesboro	79	29	-2	2.88	14.72	5.16	7.39	7.81
Keiser	76	31	-2	3.28	17.32	5.36	7.54	8.37
Newport	80	31	-3	1.78	14.86	5.16	7.40	7.39
4 Booneville	78	27	na	1.03	18.53	na	9.00	na
Clarksville	80	30	-2	1.95	19.85	4.78	8.92	5.56
Dardanelle	83	29	0	1.28	15.59	5.20	7.10	5.92
Ft. Smith	79	31	0	2.26	15.03	3.95	6.16	4.50
Mena	79	27	-2	1.32	17.28	5.29	8.75	6.52
Ozark	79	27	-2	4.15	21.04	4.36	6.69	5.18
5 Hot Springs	83	29	-2	3.14	16.91	5.25	6.45	7.89
N Little Rock	83	33	1	2.46	15.58	4.97	7.73	6.74
6 Augusta	na	na	na	na	na	5.12	0.00	7.35
Marianna	78	37	-3	2.36	16.67	5.36	5.23	8.45
Stuttgart	82	33	-2	3.80	17.20	5.09	4.84	8.09
7 Hope	83	30	-1	2.78	16.26	4.63	6.17	7.62
8 Camden	84	36	-2	2.85	16.29	4.90	5.03	8.31
El Dorado	82	32	1	2.63	13.80	4.83	6.20	8.76
9 Arkansas City	na	na	na	na	na	5.45	0.00	9.93
Eudora	80	39	-3	2.26	21.13	5.81	12.48	10.07
Pine Bluff	83	36	0	4.02	19.18	5.09	5.03	8.72
Rohwer	81	38	-2	3.46	16.85	5.58	8.02	9.45

na = data not available